

I respectfully urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. Please support XM radio's ability to provide the kind of programming that I want and demand. I drive an 18 wheeler all over this country for a living and find the traffic and weather channels offered by XM to be one of the best things to come along in a long time. I drive 600-700 miles a day and find it extremely helpful to know the traffic and weather of large cities well before I get into that city so I can plan ahead. I have been able to avoid many jamups and road closeures in the cities of Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, and especially Chicago. Local radio channels cannot give me the info I need until I'm already stuck in a jam due to their short range and interference due to to lightening. I know this for a fact because the local stations are what I've had to rely on for the last 15 years with lousey results. When I have to wait 10, 15, 30 minutes or more for a traffic report that is not up to date when given, it's a waste of my time and effort, not to mention having to chase the local traffic report down from among how many ststions in a metro area. Always seems like I just missed it. I would much rather be paying attention to the driving than trying to flip the radio thru dozens of channels. I'm sure all the people in the cars would perfer it that way too. Thanks for listening.